

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application. Independent claim 12 has been added, and previously pending claims 1-11 have not been amended.

NEW INDEPENDENT CLAIM 12

Independent claim 12 is presented for additional consideration along with previously considered pending claims 1-11. Support for new independent claim 12 can be found in the originally filed Specification, at least at pages 17-19. New independent claim 12 provides further distinguishing features regarding the calculating unit, which calculates “a synthetic fitting value and a plurality of type-based fitting values for every item searched” and each of the fitting values is calculated using a calculation procedure specified by the user.

APPLICANTS' ARGUMENTS

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner disagreed with Applicants' previously-filed arguments. Applicants respectfully reassert that the figures of Fleming III on which the Examiner relies do not illustrate information output by Fleming III. Rather, Fleming III states that “FIG. 9 is a diagram illustrating examples of computer users along with their demographic information, and the selection of a sample group of those computer users.” Fleming III at col. 11, lines 30-32. Similarly, “FIG. 10 is a diagram illustrating usage information for resources that are accessed, and an estimation of the total resource usage by all users of the resources.” Fleming III at col. 12, lines 29-31. Applicants respectfully submit that these are merely examples of data processed by Fleming III, and thus are not consistent with invention which teaches “a method and system for estimating the total usage of computer system resources by all users with access to those resources, performed in such a way that desired demographic information is obtained and the usage estimation techniques do not deter computer users from using the resource.” Fleming III at col. 2, lines 49-55. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertions regarding the teachings of Fleming III for at least these reasons.

REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss the pending application.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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